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Is food irradiation harmless?

Is smoking cigarettes addictive?

Is nuclear power safe?

Studies are studies, and they're a dime a dozen. I personally consider them all highly suspect. Science is not infallible, as we all know. The bottom line is WE DON'T KNOW what the consequences of irradiation are. All we know is irradiation kills microbes. Microbes are organic life forms. If irradiation kills a microbe, what effect will it have on human beings, also organic life forms?

Money talks. Public health is often made a secondary consideration because of this simple fact. The public has been lied too countless times about the affects of smoking, herbicides, and pharmaceuticals. Indeed, information is routinely suppressed, and doctored to favor financially powerful interests.

As a natural person, and tax paying citizen of this country, I want to be informed about ANY CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, ELECTRONIC, ATOMIC, OR GENETIC PROCESS used in the production of the food I consume. I have a right to know, up front. I have a right to a FULL PROMINENT DISCLOSURE. If you do not inform me, you rob me of my choice making ability, and you subject me to unknown consequences, which could affect not only me, but succeeding generations of Americans.

We have warning labels on cigarette packages, on drugs we use, on toys we play with, on movies and television shows we watch. The SEC provides severe penalties for groups who do not FULLY DISCLOSE facts concerning the securities they sell. Why should food be any different? Why should companies who process food for human consumption be held to a different standard? Because an irradiation plant owner doesn't think its necessary? Get real!

I don't want to eat irradiated food, because I believe it could be harmful to me. That's my personal choice. If I am not informed about irradiated food I eat, and I get sick as a result - who is liable? Class action law suits are expensive. The FDA and the Irradiation Treatment Facilities in this country have an opportunity to rid themselves of an expensive liability.

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Do your job. Protect the public against unknowns. Warn us. Please place irradiation symbols prominently on any product, food or otherwise, put through the irradiation process.

Best regards,  
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